Alex, Missouri
April 20, 1964

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Educational Society
St. Louis, Missouri
Dear Sir:

I am Writing to you concerning the Article in Sunday, April 19th, Post Dispatch on The Scramble Over Silver Dollars. Under the print of "Morgan" dollars was the statement that some were worth quite a sum of money.

I have one minted in 1896. Is this one of the valuable ones?

I would appreciate any information you can give me.

Very truly yours,
Eulela Wilson

Answered 5/1/64

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3/15/67

Dear Mr. Newman:

I recently acquired your new book on early American Currency, and I have to say that it is one of the most complete and detailed pieces of work I have read or seen. I wish to express to you, along with several fellow collectors in my area our greatful thanks for giving us a "tool" of this quality to study and collect Early Paper Money.

I would like to express a plea for your assistance on a project in which I am finding ever growing and a great task. I have been for a number of years trying to complete a listing of American Bank Note Co. items during the obsolete currency period of 1857 to 1872. I have been able to obtain listings of most banks notes printed by this firm during this period, however there is always those which are missed in one fashion or another. I would greatly appreciate any assistance you would give me, in the way of a listing of American Bank Notes from the following areas:

1. Virginia (I am sending a list of the Virginia information I gathered and also have in my collection.

2. Minnesota (I have a number of banks, however my descriptive listings and total listings are incomplete)

3. Wisconsin (Again, have descriptive list on on part of banks, and not all banks accounted for this state.

4. New Jersey (Again, a number of listings, but not all of the bank listed which I believe that ABNCo. items.

Should you have any information available from these States on material by the American Bank Note Co. from 1857 to 1872, it would be of great aid to me, in my study of this firm, which is my collecting speciality.

I am hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Harry G. Wigington

Harry G. Wigington
SPMC #830

LISTING OF VIRGINIA OBSOLETE BANK NOTES-----PRINTED BY
THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY (1857 to 1865)

1. THE BANK OF CHARLESTON, CHARLESTON, VIRGINIA(W.VA.)
   A. $1.00 Children sitting on bank, beside cows and a tree in the center. Lower right woman sitting beside rock, and basket of fruit. Large "1" lower left side. Red and black.

2. THE BANK OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA
   A. $5.00 Negro with cows left bottom. Ceres top Center. Small Children top right. Red, green, and black.
   B. $10.00 Overseer to left with hogshead of tobacco, babins in background, women and child at right. Eagle bottom center. Red, green and black.
   C. $20.00 Two horses top left, dog's head bottom center. Bust of Washington right center. Indian scene at right. Red, green and black.
   D. $50.00 Sailors and ship left bottom, woman with basket of fruit top left. Jefferson's head bottom center. Washington and Soldiers right end. Green, red and black.
   E. $100.00 Woman standing at left in flowing dress, seal at Right. Red and Black.

3. THE BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
   A. $5.00 Washington lower left, State Seal Lower Right. Two men with hogshead of tobacco top center. Red and black.
   B. $10.00 Bust of Madison left, state seal right end. Huntsmen top center with shield, Washington's bust in shield. Red and Black.
   C. $20.00 State seal lower left. Jefferson lower right. Sailor and farmer top center. Red and black.
   D. $50.00 Monroe at left, Negro woman holding child top center. State Seal lower right. Red and Black.
   E. $100.00 Marshall at left, state seal lower right, woman and agricultural and science top center. Red and Black.

4. THE CENTRAL BANK OF VIRGINIA, STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
   A. $5.00 Overseer with men bottom left, girl holding pigeon top left, Ceres center with train and agriculture products. Baby upper left corner, train bottom right. Red and Black.
   B. $10.00 Overseer on horse top center, man with blade left end, train bottom center. Girl and eagle right end. Red and Black.
   C. $20.00 Woman's head to upper left with Justice and scales lower left. Maid with pail and cows upper center. Train of cars lower right. Red and Black.
   D. $50.00 Woman lower left, chicken bottom center, group of woman upper right. "50-L" overprint in bottom center. Red and Black.

5. THE DANVILLE BANK, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
   A. $5.00 Train scene lower left, woman with basket beside cow and calf. Dark red "5" lower center. Dark Red and Black.
   B. $10.00 State seal at left, bust of Washington at lower right. Two men with horse in center, building in background. Dark Red and Black.
   C. Woman beside column lower left, main sitting beside tobacco hogshead, babin in background. Woman's bust lower right. Dark red and black. $20.00
   D. $50.00 Young woman in oval lower left, Liberty in oval with stars lower right. Agriculture and Industry sitting with farm and factory sence in background. Dark Red and Black.

6. THE FAIRMONT BANK, FAIRMONT, VIRGINIA(W.VA.)
   A. $2.00 Woman with bundle of wheat top left, Liberty center with sheep, pair of quail at right. Red and Black.
   B. $5.00
   C. $10.00

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7. THE FARMERS BANK OF FINCASTLE, FINCASTLE, VIRGINIA
A. $100.00 LeRoy's "Black and White Beauties"-two horses top center. State Seal lower right. Black and White.

8. THE BANK OF GILES, PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA
A. $5.00 Man watering horse top center. State seal lower right end. Red and Black.
B. $10.00

9. THE BANK OF MANASSA, FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA
A. $5.00 River Scene, wagon of hay and fishing at top center. State seal lower right end. Red and Black.
B. $10.00

10. THE MERCHANTS AND FARMERS BANK, CLARKSBURG, VIRGINIA(W.VA.)
A. $5.00 State Seal at left. Cows and Sheep at top center. Bust of girl at bottom center. Red and Black.
B. $10.00 Bust of Jefferson left, State SEAL AT RIGHT, RED AND BLACK.

11. THE MERCHANTS BANK OF WHEELING, WHEELING, VIRGINIA(W.VA.)
A. $2.00 Vignette of large perched Eagle at top center. Black and White.

12. THE MONTICELLO BANK, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
X A. $5.00 Bust of Jefferson lower left, Dog's heat at bottom center, Monticello at top and a bust of woman at right end. Maid and cows bottom right. Red and Black.
X B. $10.00 Monticello left, bust of woman top right, Bust of Jefferson lower right. Maid and cows lower right, horse bottom center. Red and black.
X C. $20.00 Monticello right, woman upper left top, Bust of Jefferson lower right, maid and cows lower left, horse bottom center. Red and Black.
D. $50.00 Justice and Sword left, Monticello at right. Bust of Jefferson lower left, horse bottom center. Red and black.
E. $100.00 Monticello at lower left, Bust of Jefferson at lower right, horse bottom center. Red and Black.

13. THE NORTHWESTERN BANK, WHEELING , VIRGINIA(W.VA.) (PARENT BANK)
A. $5.00 Woman and bales of cotton at left, bust of girl in center, mechanic sitting beside waterwheel at right. Red and Black.
B. $10.00

WELLSBURG, VIRGINIA-BRANCH(W.VA.)
A. $5.00 same as above.
B. $10.00 same as above.
JEFFERSONVILLE, VIRGINIA-BRANCH(W.VA.)
A. $5.00 same as above.
B. $10.00 same as above.
PARKERSBURG, VIRGINIA-BRANCH(W.VA.)
A. $5.00 same as above.
B. $10.00 same as above.

14. THE BANK OF PITTSYLVANIA, CHATHAM, VIRGINIA
X A. $5.00 Woman standing with sickle in hand, farmer drinking water beside young boy and two horses and plow in center. Bust of young woman at bottom right. Green and Black.

B. $10.00 Bust of girl at top left. Woman watering sheep at well at top center. Henry Clay at lower right. Green and Black.
C. Liberty at lower left. Washington in Center. Marshall at lower right. Green and Black. $20.00
D. Man wity boy and old grinding stone at right. 3 woman at left drafting plan for agriculture and industry. Green and Black. $50.00

15. THE RAPPAHANNOCK BANK, TAPPAHANNOCK, VIRGINIA
A. $5.00 Child at left, steamboat at bottom center. State seal at right. Red and Black.
B. $10.00

16. THE BANK OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
A. $20.00 Man loadingcotton into a cart at top center. Henry Clay at lower right. Man with hammer and barrels at lower left. Green and black,
B. $50.00

C. $100.00

17. THE BANK OF ROANOKE, SALEM, VIRGINIA
A. $5.00 Gov. Floyd at lower left. State seal at right. Group of Five females at top center. Indian Bottom Center. Red and Black. (2 varieties)
B. $10.00 State Seal at lower left. Dog lower center. Group of Indians in scene at center. Red and Black. (2 varieties)

18. THE BANK OF SCOTTSVILLE, SCOTTSVILLE, VIRGINIA
A. Young girl at left end. Washington at bottom right. Maid sitting on log at top center. Two quail at bttom center. Sate seal upper right. Red, black and green. $5.00
B. $10.00

C. $20.00

19. THE SOUTHWESTERN BANK OF VIRGINIA, WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA
A. $5.00 Bust of man at lower left, Bust of man at lower right. State Seal in center, with oval bust of two woman on either side. Black and white.
B. $10.00

20. THE TRADERS BANK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
A. $5.00 Bust of young girl at lower Right. State seal at lower left, Fancy Green overprint in center. Green and Black.
B. $10.00 Bust of Washington at lower left, Negro and horse at top center. Girl at right, and anvil at bottom center. Green and Black.
C. $20.00 Negro picking cotton at left, Henry Clay at center, and woman with spinning wheel at right. Green and Black.
D. $50.00 Negro with cotton at left, Girl at lower right, woman with sword child and pole and cap at top center. Green and Black.
E. $100.00 State Seal at left, girl at bottom center. History instructing youth at right. Green and Black.

21. THE BANK OF WESTON, WESTON, VIRGINIA(W.VA.)
A. $5.00 Bust of woman at lower left, state seal at top center,right. Man with sack of grain, horse, colt, and two children in background. Red and black.
B. $10.00 View of Indian camp, with two Indians stalking a deer, State seal at top center. Woman at lower right. Red and Black.

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March 21, 1967

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
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Dear Mr. Wigington:

Thank you for your very kind words concerning EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA. I hope that others get as much pleasure out of it as I did in writing it.

With respect to your inquiry, we must comment that you have tackled an enormous undertaking. Do you intend to include all states? Did you get help from the American Bank Note Company or not? Are you helping on the master Wismer list being undertaken by the Paper Money Society and which is now under the leadership of our friend, Richard Hoober?

I also am interested in knowing why you have limited your listing to the American Bank Note Company.

To answer your specific questions, I can say that Charles Affleck, 34 Peyton St., Winchester, Virginia, probably has more details on Virginia paper money than anyone else and suggest that you write him if you have not already done so.

As to Minnesota, we have just reviewed the manuscript and listing written on the subject by R.H. Rockholt and it will have a virtually complete listing of all Minnesota items. The listing will indicate which are American Bank Note Company items and which are not. I have a very large collection available of the Minnesota items.

As to Wisconsin, I also have a very large collection and we can be helpful to you on that if you would indicate what you need and what you do not need.

The work which you have asked for is enormous and we want to be sure that you have exhausted other library sources already. Have you consulted Hodge, Gwynne & Day, prior numismatic literature, etc?

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 March 21, 1967

Mr. Harry G.Wigington

Give us a few more thoughts, as above indicated, so as to give us an opportunity to gauge the extent of what you are requesting.

Sincerely yours,

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EPN/atb

March 23, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I recieved your kind letter today in response to my letter of 3-18-67. As you have stated, the task which I am attempting is a rather large one. However, up to this point, my various researching has been on a rather unorganized basis. But, I am now trying to gather in all my material and notes into a planned prodcedure.

First, I contacted the American Bank Note Company back in 1963 to secure information from them, thinking they would be a prime source of information. I was disappointed when I recieved a reply from Mr. Louis T. Hindenlang, Secretary and Treasurer of American Bank Note Company, with his stating that my request for any record information from the period of 1858 to 1872 was not available. It was not clear in his letter, whether they would not release the information, or if it was just not available period. I did recieve the book, THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, which has been helpful.

Next, I have contacted several parties who have given me information, which has been most helpful on various states. Charlie Affleck whom I have known for some time, is susposely completing a Virginia list, and appears to seek more information than give it out at this time. This is my opinion, and that of several others. However, Howard Spain has been most helpful to me in completing information on Virginia material.

I have written to Mr. Rockholt several times, however was unaware that he was writing up the Minnesota listing, this reference will be most valuable to me on that state's listing by American Bank Note Co. I would be interested in securing any Minnesota material that is available, since these notes are most beautiful, usually having viginettes which do not occur on Northern and Southern Bank Notes.

I have been able to secure a number of States of Wismer's old listings, which I obtained from WNS(Washington Numismatic Society) and Xerox copied for my reference. However, I have not had the benefit of Hodge, Gwynne & Day, I attempted to secure notes from several reference books(Hodge, Gwynne & Day) from the Library of Congress, however, I was really surprised to find, they actually had little that I could use, or add to the notes I already had information on, and I could not locate the Hodge, Gwynne & Day book in the Library.

Dick Hoober, who is a good friend of mine, has been most helpful in helping me securing notes for my collection, plus general information and help at times. I had a number of rare notes(California, Utah, Montana, Virginia and New York) which were not American Bank Note, and used them in trading for American Bank Note items. Am enclosing a list of Wisconsin notes which I need further information, also, whether the notes were by American Bank Note Company.

Several points in closing, as of now, I am not completing any

list or reference for the Society of Paper Money Collectors and their revision of Wismer's listings. For, it would be incomplete for the purpose which I believe it is now being prepared. But, to explain, and try and answer your question of why have I limited my listing only to American Bank Note Co. First, it would be a repeat of the Society work, and as great a task as it is going to be to complete this work, to incorporate other material would make this a task impossible for one man. Also, The American Bank Note Company is my collecting specialty and I had to draw a line somewhere, and I did it with only American Bank Note. I have found in writing to other collectors, trading with people, that there is an increase of interest in people specializing in this firm's notes. This was one of the reasons I wanted to try and assemble a listing of notes by this firm, so a reference might be available. It might be years before it ever comes to a realization, but, as yourself I am enjoying the study in its preparation.

I shall be out of town for the next weeks with my employment, when I return I shall try to make up specific points which would be helpful to me. As I stated about the Minnesota notes, there are a large number of Wisconsin notes I need for my collection, and I am always seeking notes from these two states.

Again, thank you for your reply to my request, any information will be helpful, and given full credit.

Sincerely,

Harry G. Wigington

BANKS OF WISCONSIN/ON WHICH INFORMATION IS NEEDED...

1. Bank of Albany, Albany Description, if ABNCo.
2. Bank of Beaver Dam, Beaver Dam " " "
3. Lumbermen's Bank, Beloit " " "
4. Southern Bank, Beloit XXXXXXXXXXX ABNco. ??
5. Corn Planters Bank, Calumet Description, if ABNCo.
6. Clark County Bank, Chippewa Falls " " "
7. Tradesman's Bank, Chippewa Falls " " " (Danforth, Wright--??)
8. Union Bank, Columbus " " "
9. Artic Bank, Eagle Point " " " (description not needed)
10. Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Fond Du Lac (" " "
11. Bank of Fox River, Fox River " " "
12. Bank of Moneka, Gordon (" " ")
13. Bank of North America, Grand Rapids " " "
14. St. Croix River Bank, Grand Rapids " " "
15. Farmers Bank, Hudson (" " ")
16. Producers Bank, Janesville (" " ")
17. Portage County Bank, Jordan " " "
18. Frontier Bank, Juneau " " "
19. Batavian Bank, La Crosse (" " ")
20. Bank of La Crosse, La Crosse (" " ")
21. Oconto County Bank, Laporte (" " ")
22. Bank of Manitowoc, Manitowoc (" " ")
23. Lake Shote Bank, Manitowoc " " "
24. Menomonee Bank, Menomonee (" " ")
25. Iowa County Bank, Mineral Point " " "
26. Osborn Bank, New London " " "
27. Buffalo County Bank, Northhousen (" " ")
28. Bank of Oconto, Oconto (" " ")
29. Green Bay Bank, Oconto (" " ")

30. Clark County Bank, O'Neilsville (Description not needed)
31. Citizens Bank of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Description, if ABNCo.
32. Bank of Prairie du Chien, Prarie du Chien " " "
33. Reedsburgh Bank, Reedsburgh " " "
34. Paririe City Bank, Ripon " " "
35. Exchange Bank, Rockwell " " "
36. St. Croix Valley Bank, St. Croix Falls (" " ")
37. Monroe County Bank, Monroe " " "
38. Bank of Stevens Point, Stevens Point " " "
39. Frontier Bank, Stevens Point " " "
40. Farmers Bank, Two Rivers " " "
41. Germania Bank, Wautoma " " "
42. Bank of Whitewater, Whitewater " " "
43. Merchant Exchange Bank, Whitewater " " "

ALSO FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE WISC. BANK WHICH I NEED NOTES FOR COLLECTION.

1. Bank of Weyauwega, Weyauwega
2. Waupacca County Bank, Waupaca
3. Sun Prairie Bank, Sun Prairie
4. North Western Bank, Stevens Point
5. Bank of Sparta, Sparta
6. Richland County Bank, Richland Centre
7. Wood County Bank, Grand Rapids
8. Rockwell & Co. Bank, Elk Horn
9. The Shawanaw Bank, Chilton

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 31, 1967

Mr. Harry O. Wigington
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Arlington, Va. 22209

Dear Mr. Wigington:

We have your letter of March 23, 1967.

We assumed that you received no information from the American Bank Note Company as they have been non-cooperative for many, many years. They have the material but pretend that it still has to be kept secret.

Your comments about Affleck do not surprise me but Spain is very knowledgeable and can be very helpful.

We think you should not have your work overlap in part the work of the Wismer Committee under Dick Hoober. All of the information you need will be in properly prepared lists of that committee by State. You are attempting to isolate the American Bank Note Company proper from its predecessors and, numismatically, this is an unfortunate distinction, as we see it. As a collector, we can understand your distinction but to write material for numismatic literature we believe you are shortsighted.

We believe it is essential for you to study the various editions of Hodge and the various editions of Gwynne & Day before proceeding further. We know that the Library of Congress has some of them.

We are trying to find out for you who is writing the Wismer section on Wisconsin so that he may be able to furnish you the details you ask. You are the type of person who could help Dick Hoober on the project and we are sure he would be glad to have your cooperation. Our suggestions are on the friendliest basis and you do not need to feel that our feelings will be the slightest bit hurt if you do not follow them.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ENN/atb

5-15-67

Dear Mr. Newman:

Just recently I acquired an item, which I am unable to determine it's full background, and if it relates to Rhode Island and Colonial Currency.

Enclosed you will a Xerox copy of the reverse and obverse, which I hope will enable you to make a study. It is noted that the handwritten date at the top, was originally 1757, and appears later was changed to 1762. Written on the side is: "Interest up on the note 4-4-0". Also I am most curious about the useage of R:A and M:A on the reverse with the listing of what I assume is interest paid or what was due. I am wondering if the period of 1757 is the time which the item was first placed into use, and the change of date in 1762 may be a type of reissue, or when it was paid off or matured.

Was there at any time in Colonial times when officials of the Colony, in this case Rhode Island, were under a bond of any type and held responsible for the financial condition of the government of that Colony? If so, would this item relate to this situtation.

I am looking toward your remarks on this item. I also enjoyed your remarks in your last letter regarding the American Bank Note material, which I am trying to study.

I also am interested in purchasing a Proof note by the American Bank Note Co. to go into my collection, the state, bank, or demonination does not matter. Any information on this, I would appreciate. Do you have any notes for sale?

Sincerely,

Harry G. Wigington

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May 19, 1967

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
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Arlington, Va. 22209

Dear Mr. Wigington:

I do not do anything in the way of selling items except where I buy a collection and sell the items I do not need.

It so happens I am in the process of selling several thousand obsolete notes and there are many American Bank Note items included. I am only willing to sell the entire group, as one unit; for that reason I cannot offer any individual portions.

I will be glad to give your name to any one who buys it, if you wish me to.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 19, 1967

Mr. Harry G.Wigington
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Dear Mr. Wigington:

I have examined the photocopies of the item you sent and believe this is nothing more than a published list of officials of 1761 or 1762 used as a piece of scratch paper. The entries on the back are nothing more than additions. The initials RA and MA could refer to an individual or to an account. The memorandum on the front is merely a notation.

I do not feel, therefore, that the item relates to currency, bonds, or the like.

It is a pleasure to be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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COLLECTOR -- OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY
SPECIALIZING IN AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

11-27-68

Dear Mr. Newman:

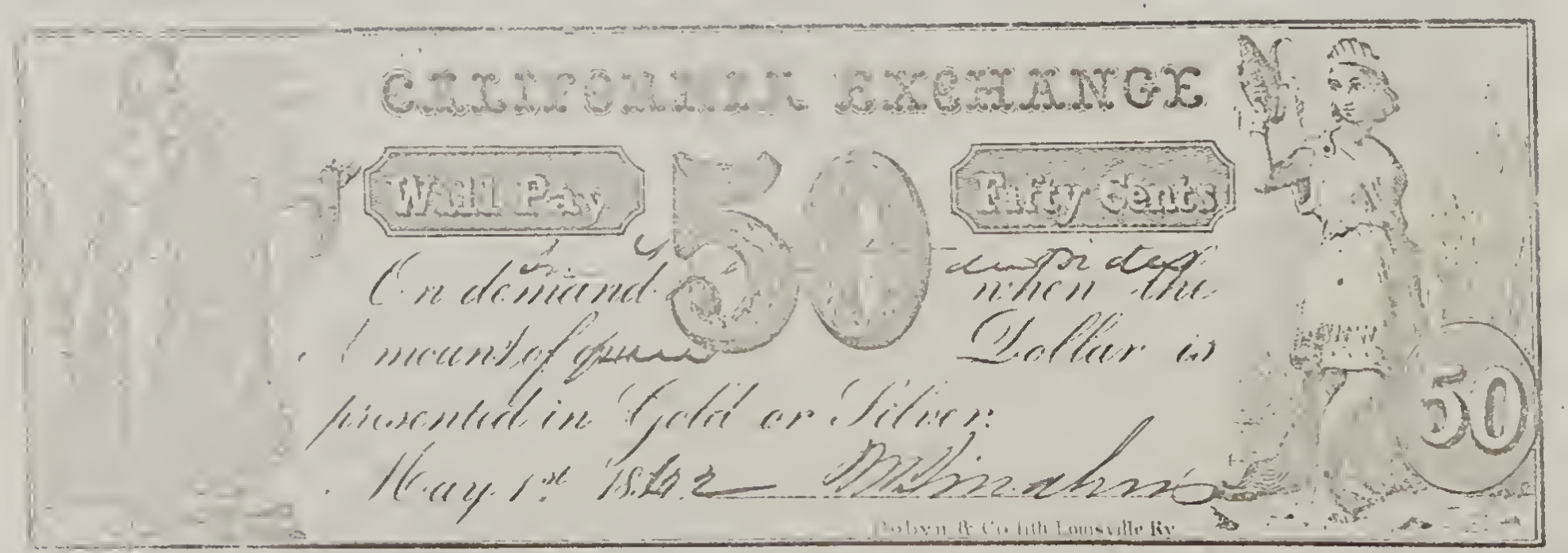
Since I completed the California listing, I have obtained a number of new additions to be placed into the revision. I also acquired several California Notes, and now have decided to dispose of them, and keep my collecting strickly in American Bank Note Co., with the exception of Montana Territory material.

I have available, should you be interested, two California notes, of which I have enclosed Xerox copies. I am disposing of them at the price of $100.00 each.

Should these interest you, please let me know, and I shall send them to you for your inspection, if you desire.

Sincerely,

Harry G. Wigington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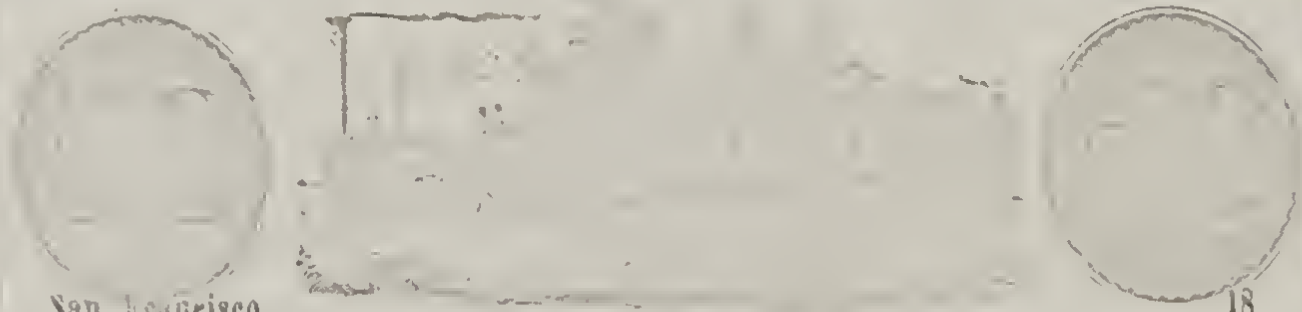

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December 2, 1968

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
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Dear Mr. Wigington:

It was nice of you to think of me with respect to the two notes you plan to sell.

I do not have the California Exchange piece and would be interested in acquiring it if it is from California. Do you have any information that it is from California? In any event, send it to me with what you date you have.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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EPN/stb

HARRY G. WIGINGTON
COLLECTOR -- OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY
SPECIALIZING IN AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

12-10-68

Dear Mr. Newman!

Please excuse the delay, however, Did been out of town a few days, & with Xmas on the way, was delayed in answering my mail.

Enclosed is the California Exchange 50¢ note. I feel this is a true California item, and will enclose it as such in my Revision. The main Reason being, in my Research this Past Spring, while looking thru all the California Newspapers, I Recalled, when I saw this note, a Reference to a California Exchange, located in San Francisco.

as I Recall, it was a notice, stating that a certain Party would meet certain People interested at the California Exchange, and as I Recall the year was about 1854 for the newspaper (I feel sure). also, I found that these "Exchanges" were common, and Popular, I found & saw ads, they being shown as Hotels, Saloons and Restaurants. I have a Photo of S.F., showing a "New Orleans Exchange"

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I have also a Photo of a 10¢ note. The 10¢-25¢-50¢, all all alike, except for the Denominations.

From my limited information available at home, I have guessed the name of this man to be McKeen on something close. I have not had time to go back & search it out completely in Library of Congress.

Several other Parties concur with me that it is a California item. I am listing it under Unknown locations, until I can locate the article & definiate Proof of its actual street & City location. It will be like the California & Salt Lake mail line, which I am now showing as Sacramento.

as Previously stated the note is $100.00.

On closing, I just found a Bank Note Reporter & Counterfeit Detector, Clapp, Fuller & Browne Boston. Sept, 1857 (Vol. #1, #1) Frank Kater had never seen it, nor Ellis Edlow. do you know of this one, and one this early?

Sincerely,
Harry Wigington

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 13, 1968

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
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Arlington, Va. 22209

Dear Mr. Wigington:

May I make a suggestion? Before determining, one way or another, on the California Exchange 50¢ note which you sent, it might be well if you inquire from John Ford if he knows the name of the person who ran the California Exchange and whose name appears at the bottom of some of the notes. Please tell him you need this for your listing. I am sure he has the notes in his collection and might know what the name really is.

If I had to guess now, I would say the name is M. Linahus. A photocopy to help you identify the signature is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

HARRY G. WIGINGTON
COLLECTOR -- OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY
SPECIALIZING IN AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

12-27-68

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am in Receipt of your letter, asking I Contact John Fred Regarding the "California Exchange" Note. I Did so right after I Heard from you. I have written him a Number of times in the Past, and he has Never answered My letters. I sent him a Photo of a early Indian Engraving about two years ago, he Never answered My Letter Regarding it, Nor would he Return the Photograph.

He also Refused to give any information or assistance in the California listing, Nor would he give Permission to use the Photos he often uses in "Paper Money".

I gave him credit in My listing, since I used two Photos from his ads for descriptions, I also told him this but he still Refuses to answer my letters.

I had a feeling that I would not get an answer, so wrote another letter, a week or so later but still No answer. So, at this Point I am afraid John Fred will still not take time to answer me.

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So, at this point, I am unable to tell you any more than I did before. However, should he ever write me regarding this matter, I shall send all information to you. Also, any data I collect from the Library of Congress, I shall send to you. I am going to get a hand writing expert friend of mine with the Government to look at the signature and see if he can determine the name.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

Sincerely,
Harry G. Wigington

Answered by telephone
1/8/69 SPW

2006 N. Scott St.
Apt. #101
Arlington, Va. 22209
1-12-69

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was a real pleasure to talk with you Wednesday night, and I appreciate your call very much.

Right after your call, I got out my notes, misc. data, and set about to try and figure out the name on the CALIFORNIA EXCHANGE NOTE. I believe I have come up with the possible answer, along with the help of 3 other people. One of these people is very knowledgable in handwriting. We all finally came to the agreement, that the name is M. BRAHNS.

The final decision was made with the help of a photocopy of a 10c note, which shows better the "B", we think, in the name. Also, the "M" seems more like a M, in the 10c note. We also tried comparision with the inscription "In legal trade notes".

I am now going to try and see if I can locate some sort of directory or listing, about the period of 1852 to 1864, and if any party is listed by this name. I am thinking of writing the California Historical Society, and having them check their directories during this period to have California Exchange and this name run throught for me. When, the information is sent to me, I shall forward it on to you.

Again, many thanks for your call, and it was a pleasure talking to you.

Sincerely, Harry Wigington

CALIFORNIA EXCHANGE
Will Pay
10
Ten Cents
10

HARRY G. WIGINGTON
COLLECTOR -- OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY
SPECIALIZING IN AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

1-17-69

Dear Mr. Newman:

I received your check and letter today. Thank you.

I understand your conditions; however, feel quite sure the note is a true California item.

I obtained a copy (PAGE) 47 of the business listing of the 1863 San Francisco Business Directory where I found the "California Exchange" listed.

I enclose a copy for your records.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Harry G. Wigington

2006 N. Scott St.
Apt. #101
Arlington, Va. 22209
1-23-69

Dear Mr. Newman:

I wanted to write and inquire regarding the California Exchange note, so I can better understand the present status regarding the note.

Please understand, I am not pushing for settlement of the transaction; however, my only thought at this time, is the current status. I assume, that you are going to purchase the note. If this is correct, when could I expect the transaction to be complete? My only inquiry to this, is that the original reason for the sale of the note, was to purchase several notes for my American Bank Note Co. collection.

I am reaching a point regarding these notes, where I have to make a commitment for them, or I will lose them. I have limited myself to a budget for my collection, and from the sale of duplicate notes, and other material I acquire along the way. This gives me the material to trade, or sell to purchase for my collection, as do most all collectors.

As I have pointed out above, my main interest, is to find out when our transaction can be completed, so I might be able to complete some pending plans which the sale of this note is dependent. I hope you can understand my position at this time.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Wrightson

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 27, 1969

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
2006 N. Scott St., Apt. 101
Arlington, Va. 22209

Dear Mr. Wigington:

The present status of the California Exchange note is that I will not buy it unless it is proven to be California.

I don't want to hold up any of your other transactions but I want to be sure that the piece is California if I buy it. The mention of "legal tender" makes me wonder. You indicated you could get the information and that is what I have been awaiting.

I will, of course, return the note if it interferes with your plans.

Sincerely yours,

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2-1-69

Dear Mr. Newman:

After spending a number of hours in the Library of Congress, I finally found the information I needed to verify that the CALIFORNIA EXCHANGE notes are actually those of California origin.

First, in the 1863 Business Directory of San Francisco, there was the following listing under LIQUOR, RETAIL:

BRENNAN & RYDER, California Exchange, corner Clay & Kearny Sts.

This was on page 261 of that directory.

Then I checked out the two men listed, and found the following:

George W. Ryder and Thomas W. Brennan, were both listed as being employed with the Port Wardens Office, 42 U.S. Court Bdg., S.F. in 1859, Ryder was listed with this employment in 1858, but there was not listing for Brennan in 1858.

In 1860 the S.F. Directory shows no employment for Brennan or Ryder and they are not listed under the employees of the Port Wardens Office in the Directory, as in the two previous years.

The 1861 city directory was not available. But in the 1862 directory Both Ryder and Brennan were listed with the California Exchange.

Brennan's listing in the 1862 to 1869 directories, is as follows:

BRENNAN, THOMAS W., Brennan & Ryder--California Exchange Saloon, NE Corner Clay & Kearny Sts. Dwg 112 Natoma St.

In the 1871 Directory Brennan is listed by himself, there is no further listing for Ryder, so I assume he died or left S.F., the last listing for Brennan was in the 1881 Directory, he was not in the 1883 Directory, and they had no 1882 Directory. These were the only two directories missing, 1861 and 1882.

As to the name on the script, I have tried to make out Brennan, one would have to stretch it a bit to make it fit, it could be that an employee of the saloon signed the note.

The first directories they had available to check were 1858, so I could not check out the 1854 printed date, but I am guessing, that what happen was:

The firm was first started by a party sometime during 1854 or before, and operated for a time, and it appeared closed down, or was sold to Brennan and Ryder very likely during 1860, as this is

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shown as the period of their unemployment(actually no employment listed) and it could be when they were changing from their old positions with the Port Wardenʼs office to the ownership of the California Exchange.

I am fully satified myself now, that the note is a true issue of California. the "in legal tender notes" possibly could arrise from the fact of U.S. starting to issue Demand notes, and I have noted also several other western scrip notes which state in legal tender. As I recall one possibly was an Utah item, but I may be wrong on that.

I hope that this information will be sufficient for you to accept the California note, and I am trusting I will hear from at your earlest convenience.

Sincerely,

Harry Wigington

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 13, 1969

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
2006 N. Scott St.
Arlington, Va.

Dear Mr. Wigington:

Relying on your fine research, I am enclosing a check for $100 for the 50¢ California Exchange Note. This is on condition that it is actually a California note and if it turns out to be otherwise I will ask you for a refund.

In digging through my old records I find that this particular note was once owned by Maurice M. Burgett, of Belleville, Illinois, and I had a picture of it in my file.

I am sorry I delayed, but I have just been overwhelmed with other work.

Thank you, again, for your research.

Sincerely yours,

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HENRY. CLAY AND
THE AMERICAN SYSTEM
...I.B.C.

UNITED
STAND

PLAIN EDGE — METAL HAS GOLD APPEARANCE
LOW GRADE COMPOSITION OR BRASS ALLOY.

HARRY G. WIGINGTON
COLLECTOR -- OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY
SPECIALIZING IN AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

7-20 69

Dear Mr. Newman:

I Recently Picked up a token Piece and have been unable to identify it.

Enclosed are two sets of tracings to show you the Design of the Piece. Perhaps you have seen this item before and can tell me something of it.

In addition, I wanted to write & tell you I am seeing the montana listing at the encouragement of Dick Hooker. I have a number of montana items myself since I specialize in that area. However, I understand you acquired Fred M. Collection and Retained much of the montana material. I would like your help in the listing, as you did in ~~Montana~~ California.

any help you can give me in either area will greatly help.

Do you know of the following:

1. Territorial Warrant (Montana 1864 to 1869)
2. Ta. City, M.T. Promissory Hour Notes of 1864
3. Alder & Millard Drafts or Private scrip.
4. Mining or Bank Scrip of 1864 to 1869 Period.

I believe all Possibly Exist, have a lead on

Harry G. Wigington
Collector -- Obsolete Paper Money
specializing in American Bank Note Co.

Several early Virginia City Scrip Notes and a Number of Scrips. also, Ft. Benton Private scrip.

as always I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Harry Wigington

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 6, 1969

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
4227 E. Williamsburg Drive
Harrisburg, Penna. 17109

Dear Mr.Wigington:

The Henry Clay token, about which you asked, is a common political token and is, no doubt, listed in the book on political tokens published by a Hartford gentlemen whose name slips me for the moment.

As to the Montana material, I will check it at my earliest convenience.

The reason you did not hear from me sooner is that I was away on vacation.

Perhaps we will meet at t e A.N.A. convention.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 4, 1970

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
4227 S. Williamsburg Dr.
Harrisburg, Penna. 17109

Dear Mr. Wigington:

Would you be nice enough to send me another sheet of Brayton notes, as a friend of mine would also like to have one.

Sincerely yours,

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3-17-70

Dear Mr Newman:

Recently I acquired a small batch of 11 sheets of an apparent original group of 12 sheets on D.A. Brayton, Payable on Massasoit Bank, Fall River, Mass. sheet of 50-50¢ Notes. The original owner kept one sheet, I purchased the rest. I thought you might want one of them, they are $8.00 a sheet

also, I have available a proof sheet of State of Ohio Reverses, which unfortunately has been folded, but still nice. It is $25.00 for the sheet

I am enclosing these items for your inspection.

Best Regards,

Harry A. Freyington

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 20, 1970

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
4227 E. Williamsburg Dr.
Harrisburg, Penna. 17109

Dear Mr. Wigington:

I very much appreciate the fact that you submitted two sheets to me to add to my collection. It is always a pleasure to add things of this sort to my collection if I do not have them and such is the case in this instance.

A check is enclosed covering the price you are asking.

I particularly respect your statement as to how many of the 1562 sheets were located.

Keep digging up nice material for yourself and others.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

4-19-70

Dear Mr Newman:

I have located a 25 25¢ sheet of the D A Grayton Notes, there were 4 sheets, also I got from same Party 30 50¢ sheets. I understand the original find was 96 sheets. I got 34 sheets (30 - 50¢ and 4 25¢ sheets, added to the 12 original sheets I found from same Party. Grove Criswell got 25 sheets, when this antique dealer took 25 sheets to a Florida antique show.

He still has balance of 25 sheets and is holding them. It appears there was about a 60% - 50¢ sheet and 40% 25¢ sheet in the small hoard.

The Price on the 25¢ sheet is $8.00, same as other, as I paid same Price on this group as I did on ~~[illegible]~~ others. Thought you would like the 25¢ sheet to match the 50¢ sheet.

Best Regards,

Harry Freyington

P.S. I will be curious to see what Grove asks for his sheets & what market he plans to set - He probably thinks he got them all - and these had been unlisted & unknown, except 2 25¢ Nots - 1 Geo Wait had and 1 in Boston Hist Society.

5-9-70

Dear Mr Newman:

Enclosed is a 25¢ sheet and 50¢ sheet of S A Grayton. Each being $8.00 a sheet.

I had sent you a sheet 25¢ notes earlier at 8.00, and should you desire the 2nd ones for your friend as well, this will be $24.00 (3 sheets)

I have just acquired a duplicate set of Territory of Montana Bonds of $500.00 and $1000.00, dated 1-1-1880. With all Coupons, uncanceled, and not signed spaces for Territorial Governor, auditor and Treasurer. Beautiful Green and Black, with Gold overprint.

The Pair is for sale at $75.00.

I am now seeking out and Possibly will be getting Territorial Treasury Notes of 1875-76. Party I secured the Bonds from and some scarce warrants Possible will be able to get them for me. I was most lucky in locating a Montana Collector from Montana, who is not Principally Paper or Coin Collector but just a Montana Collector.

Best Regards,

Harry Mizenton

June 11, 1970

Mr. Harry G. Wigington

Thanks for the little sheets. Checks are enclosed.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

HARRY G. WIGINGTON
COLLECTOR -- OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY
SPECIALIZING IN AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

7-11-70

Dear Mr. Newman:

I Recently acquired from a Party in Montana the Remaining $500-$1000 Bonds out of the original issue Book which was Printed for the Territory in its bond issue of 1880.

There were 15 sets (1 of each) left in the book - I am enclosing a set for you to inspect, and if you are interested the Set of two are $65.00 or $35.00 each.

Also I Researched them & a short article will appear in Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine in the near future.

Best Regards,

Harry Wigington

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 17, 1970

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
4227 E. Williamsburg Dr.
Harrisburg, Penna. 17109

Dear Mr. Wigington:

Thank you, very much, for thinking of me with respect to the Montana Bonds. Unfortunately, I do not collect bonds and therefore am returning them herewith.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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HARRY G. WIGINGTON
COLLECTOR -- OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY
SPECIALIZING IN AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

2-4-71

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is the finial Rough draft of the Montana listing. Please Check & see if you can add any new material you may have in your Collection or data in your files.

your help will be greatly appreciated, and if it can be sent to me as soon as you can Check it out, will be of great help and help get it into Paper Money by the June or Sept. issue. Thanks again,

Best Regards,

Harry Wigington

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 2, 1971

Mr. Harry Wigington
4227 E. Williamsburg Dr.
Harrisburg, Penna. 17109

Dear Mr. Wigington:

The best help we can give to your manuscript is to suggest polishing your Introduction. We have penciled in thoughts as to clarification, rewording, and condensing. You certainly should show when Montana Territory was created, when it was part of Idaho Territory, when statehood began, etc. Was the Virginia City, Montana, a gold strike or a silver strike? I think that should be made clear so that there is no confusion with Virginia City, Nevada.

We certainly hope you will accept those of our thoughts which you feel have merit.

It is a pleasure to be of service.

I am returning the manuscript herewith.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 15, 1979

Mr. Harry Wiginton
4227 E. Williamsburg Dr.
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Resent to:
P. O. Box 4082
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Dear Harry:

Thank you for the photocopies of your notes. I'll work on them. I thought you said some were marked Fort Chartres, or are you referring only to the numbered military pay vouchers?

Naturally, I would like to acquire one of the "Solde de troupe" if you would like to trade for another early similar item which you do not have - or sell one.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 14, 1980

Mr. Harry G. Wigington
P. O. Box 4082
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 1980. In accordance with your suggestion, I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of the Clark Gruber & Co. $1 note which apparently is identical to yours, except that it is plate A.

Would it be possible for you to have a better photocopy made of your $10 Bank of St. Louis note? The photocopy you sent is not too clear. I would be appreciative.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encl.

(RED O/P)

Note grades FINE

Dear Harry —

8/30/79.

I was told that you acquired a $5 Bank of St Louis note of this type with AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY used as the engravers name instead of Toppan Carpenter.

If your note is any different from mine would you be nice enough to send a photocopy.

Thanks,

Eric

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis Mo 63178

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INC.

1961

HARRY G. WIGINGTON
P. O. BOX 4082
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17111

2/1/80

Dear Eric:

Please excuse my delay in Replying to your Request. Bank work & everything else kept me tied up. also, I had to dig my note out of the bank. Sorry, to say Photocopy Quality isn't too good! But, Perhaps it will help. Written Date and Imprint appears to be only difference. My Note's Imprint is same size as yours, except its American Bank Note Company.

Perhaps, you can help me - I acquired a $1 Clark Gunter Note - see Photocopy. Isn't easy to Determine the Serial Numbers of the known Specimens. My Copy is 3rd Specimen I knew about (Excluding the type set Note John Ford has.) all Copies I am aware of have Plate A, mine has B, & I suspect was Serial (Painted) in Sheets of 2 $1 Notes, same as the $5 Notes of Denver on this Series, it also being a 2 note Sheet. I would appreciate any Information you could furnish.

Best Regards,
Harry

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STATE OF
CLARK, GRUBER & CO.
KANSAS
ONE DOLLAR
Redeemable only
in sums of Five Dollars.
American Bank Note Co New York

HARRY G WIGINGTON

FEB 20 1980 H W

Dear Eric -

Thanks you for the Photocopy of your Clark Gauber note. I have tried to obtain a better copy on the other note. While somewhat better, still isn't to good. My note grades G-VG and is soiled, thus washing out on background. I have to get my Clark Gauber note Photographed soon & I'll have adrian B., do this one also — Do you have any knowledge where other $1.00 Clark Gauber notes exist? I suspose John Ford has one, and Colo. Hist. Society. I'm sure Maurice Burgett had tracked down most of them, But, much valuable information is gone now, with his Passing - Best Regards,

Harry